

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1172

By: Senator B. King

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE BOARD; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-38-207 is amended to read as follows:*

*25-38-207. Arkansas Agriculture Board – Creation – Members –  
Organization – Duties.*

*(a) The Arkansas Agriculture Board is created to consist of ~~twenty-one~~  
(21) twenty-three (23) voting members and eight (8) nonvoting ex officio  
members, as follows:*

*(1) Ten (10) members, appointed by their respective boards, who  
sit on one (1) of the following boards or commissions:*

*(A) Two (2) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be  
actively engaged in farming, from the State Plant Board;*

*(B) Two (2) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be  
actively engaged in farming, from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry  
Commission;*

*(C) Two (2) members from the Arkansas Natural Resources  
Commission;*

*(D) Two (2) members from the Arkansas Forestry Commission;*



(E) One (1) member actively engaged in farming from the Arkansas Rural Development Commission; and

(F) One (1) member from the Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board chosen by the Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board;

(2) Eleven (11) members, appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate as follows:

(A) Three (3) members who are actively engaged in growing rice, cotton, or small grains, including, but not limited to, corn, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat;

(B) Three (3) members who are actively involved in at least one (1) of the following areas of the agricultural industry:

(i) Plant food, agricultural chemicals, or seed merchandising;

(ii) Meat processing;

(iii) Grain processing;

(iv) Domestic food products, processing, and global marketing;

(v) Aquaculture; and

(vi) The Arkansas Livestock Marketing Association;

and

(C) Five (5) members as follows:

(i) One (1) member who is actively engaged in producing beef;

(ii) One (1) member who is actively engaged in producing swine;

(iii) One (1) member who is actively engaged in dairy farming;

(iv) One (1) member who is actively engaged in producing poultry; and

(v) One (1) member who is actively engaged in producing wine, grapes, fruits, or vegetables; ~~and~~

(3) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(4) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

~~(3)~~(5) *Eight (8) nonvoting ex officio members, as follows:*

*(A) The Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas System;*

*(B) The Dean of Agriculture of Arkansas State University;*

*(C) The Dean of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff;*

*(D) A representative of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences who is actively involved in nutrition teaching or research, or both;*

*(E) A representative of the University of Arkansas at Monticello;*

*(F) The President of the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts;*

*(G) A representative of Southern Arkansas University; and*

*(H) A representative of Arkansas Tech University.*

*(b) The board shall advise the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department on all matters concerning agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, and kindred industries.*

*(c) The board shall meet at least quarterly and shall fix a regular date for the quarterly meeting.*

*(d)(1) The members of the board appointed by the Governor shall serve staggered terms of ~~four~~ ~~(4)~~ two (2) years, to be determined at the first meeting of the board by lot in a manner to result, as far as possible, in an equal number of terms expiring each year.*

*(2) The members appointed by the Governor shall serve no more than two (2) terms.*

*(e)(1) The members of the board appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve two-year terms.*

*(2) The members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve no more than two-year terms.*

~~(e)(1)~~~~(f)(1)~~(A) *Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve, or other causes among members of the board appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be filled by appointment by the Governor of a qualified*

person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

~~(2)~~(B) A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a subsequent full term on the board.

(2)(A) Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve, or other causes among members of the board appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be filled by appointment by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of a qualified person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(B) A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a subsequent full term on the board.

(3)(A) Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve, or other causes among members of the board appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be filled by appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of a qualified person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(B) A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a subsequent full term on the board.

(g)(1) State agency members of the board shall receive no additional salary or compensation for their services as members of the committee, but they may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, to the extent funds are available.

(2) The members appointed by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives may receive expense reimbursement from funds made available for that purpose in accordance with § 25-16-902, to the extent funds are available.

/s/B. King